

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Applicant is enclosing herewith a Replacement Sheet containing FIGS. 6-7, to replace the previous FIGS. 6-7. The lead line of element 10 in FIG. 7 has been correctly located; it had indicated a wrong portion of the gripping means; this resolves the formal objection to claim 12.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet containing FIGS. 6-7.

## REMARKS

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application. The claims have been amended to resolve the Section 112 concerns. FIG. 7 has been amended to resolve the formal objection to claim 12. The claims have also been amended according to the equivalent European Patent already granted at No. EP 1 578 680; no new matter has been added. A method claim has also been added strongly related to the corresponding apparatus claim.

The claims as now presented are clearly allowable because the cited prior art does not disclose conveyor belts for manipulating stations provided with a sensor (SQ4, SQ5) cooperating with a correspondent actuating motor (M4, M5) for counting the RPM of said motor and at least a processor for performing feedback actions on the belts based on the value assumed by the counter. The dependent claims are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

Since all the claims as now presented are in condition for allowance, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. BUG7-38197.

Respectfully submitted,

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